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- 1. DEPT. AGREES ENTIRELY WITH EMBASSY PROPOSAL CONTAINED PARA. 7 REFTEL. REPPAS SHOULD BE ORALLY INFORMED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE GRANTED ASYLUM OR REFUGE IN THE EMBASSY. DEPT. POLICY RESPECTING ASYLUM AND TEMPORARY REFUGE IS SET OUT IN 2 FAM 227.
- 2. AS PROPOSED BY EMBASSY, EMBASSY STATEMENT ON ASYLUM TO REPPAS SHOULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO DEPT. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ORAL STATEMENT TO REPPAS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

"DEPT. HAS REVIEWED ELIGIBILITY OF MR. REPPAS, IN HIS PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR DIPLOMATIC ASYLUM. MR. REPPAS'S CASE CLEARLY DOES NOT MEET PREREQUISITES FOR EVEN TEMPORARY REFUGE. REFUGE MAY BE GRANTED ONLY TO PERSONS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER OF SERIOUS HARM, E.G. MOB VIOLENCE. EVEN TEMPORARY REFUGE IS AFFORDED ONLY SO LONG AS ACTIVE DANGER CONTINUES. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY IS NOT RPT. NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUTHORIZED TO AFFORD ASYLUM OR TEMPORARY REFUGE TO MR.

REPPAS. I' EVENT THAT MR. REPPAS SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND APPLY TO EMBASSY FOR ASYLUM, THE

EMBASSY WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO RETURNING MR. REPPAS TO MALAGASY AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS ARRIVAL."

- 3. IF REPPAS DOES SHOW UP AT EMBASSY AND IT CLEAR THAT HE IS IN NO DANGER OF SERIOUS HARM AND EMBASSY CANNOT PERSUADE HIM TO LEAVE, IT SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO HAND HIM OVER TO MALAGASY AUTHORITIES, SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORMING DEPT IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION THAT POSSIBILITY OF SERIOUS HARM TO REPPAS MAY EXIST, EMBASSY SHOULD FOLLOW PROCEDURES SET OUT IN 2 FAM RESPECTING ASYLUM.
- 4. RE REFTEL PARA 8, DEPT. CONCURS EMBASSY SUGGEST TO REPPAS AND GOMR WEEKLY MEDICAL CHECK AT EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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